



President's Message

By Perry Kelley

Greetings, IHFF members, and welcome to the golden season part of fall—October. I am looking out the window. It is 9:30 AM, clear with not a cloud in the sky, just a slight breeze, just a bit of coolness, the right amount to excite your energy level and there is a wee bit of color in the leaves of our maple tree, which is a preview of fall splendor to come. The outdoors is beckoning to come out, fish, take a deep breath of pure air and enjoy life. Utopia is upon us.

I enjoyed the weekly breakfast of fly fishers this morning. I would like to invite all of our membership to come at least one Wednesday a month and be part of the IHFF fellowship we have. There are always good stories, fishing and others, and lots of laughs at our weekly breakfast: 8:00 AM at the Homestead Cafe on State Street in Weiser.

This morning Mike Thomas brought me an antique automatic fly reel, a gift from Dick Stoddard, a Weiser senior citizen who at one time did a lot of fly fishing. This brought back many memories of my youth—fly fishing with my dad and uncle, all of us using an automatic reel loaded with green level fly line. (We never used a tapered fly line in those days. It would probably cost us \$10 or more! The level line was more affordable.) For those of you who never saw an automatic reel,

let me describe it to you. The spool was attached to a spring system. The spring wound up two ways. One was when you pulled out line, the spring would wind. The other at the top of the reel was a disk that when turned counter clockwise would wind up the reel. To retract the line you would have to push down a lever. One would have to be careful; it wasn't difficult to wind in the whole line. Perhaps the major advantage of the automatic reel was when stripping in line you could control the amount of line on the reel rather than having line at your feet. I probably already have four or five of these reels. Several companies made automatic reels. Shakespeare, South Bend and Perrine MFG Co. were but a few. Perrin also made wonderful aluminum fly boxes.

The days of fly fishing with a bamboo fly rod and automatic reel were wonderful. We fished small streams and usually never saw another fisherman. The fish were typical of small streams—somewhat small, feisty and willing to take a fly. Many times we fished our Renegade flies to the point that they fell apart. Most of us did not tie flies and could afford just a few. Now with dozens of full fly boxes, life is much different.

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I would like you to be aware of the upcoming events during October: [see calendar on page 7] IHFF board of Directors Tuesday, October 3, at the Idaho Pizza Co.; Tuesday, October 10, general membership meeting at the Idaho Pizza Co.; and Tuesday, October 17, fly tying at the Weiser Library. All the events take place at 7:00 PM. Also, Grant and Joan Baugh will be putting on a workshop for fish printing Sat. Oct 14 - details will be discussed at the general meeting.

Jim Gulu will be the presenter at the general membership meeting. He will cover a major concern among fly fishers—**Wading Safety**. I hope you are able to make it to this meeting. Wading is a major fishing technique that has many ramifications and pitfalls. We need to be aware of the wading safety practices we must use in our sport.

Again, I wish to express to Gerry Bogue our appreciation for his help with the news letter.

Need a Bead

By Grant Baugh

Shipwreck beads in Lacey Washington has just what you need - a life time supply for pocket change!



Dues Reminder for May 2017:

Please send a check to PO Box 734 Weiser, or pay at a meeting - \$30/year for individual or \$45 for a couple.

October

- Jim Gulu

First Meeting of 2017-18

By Mike & Diana Thomas

Kendall Hawley making her presentation to the club about her senior project to involve her community of Vale in fly fishing. She asked the club to help her by teaching fly tying, casting and entomology. The club voted unanimously to help put on presentations in early November.



Perry and his Vanna White (Mike Thomas) teaching on soft hackle at 1st meeting of the IFF year.



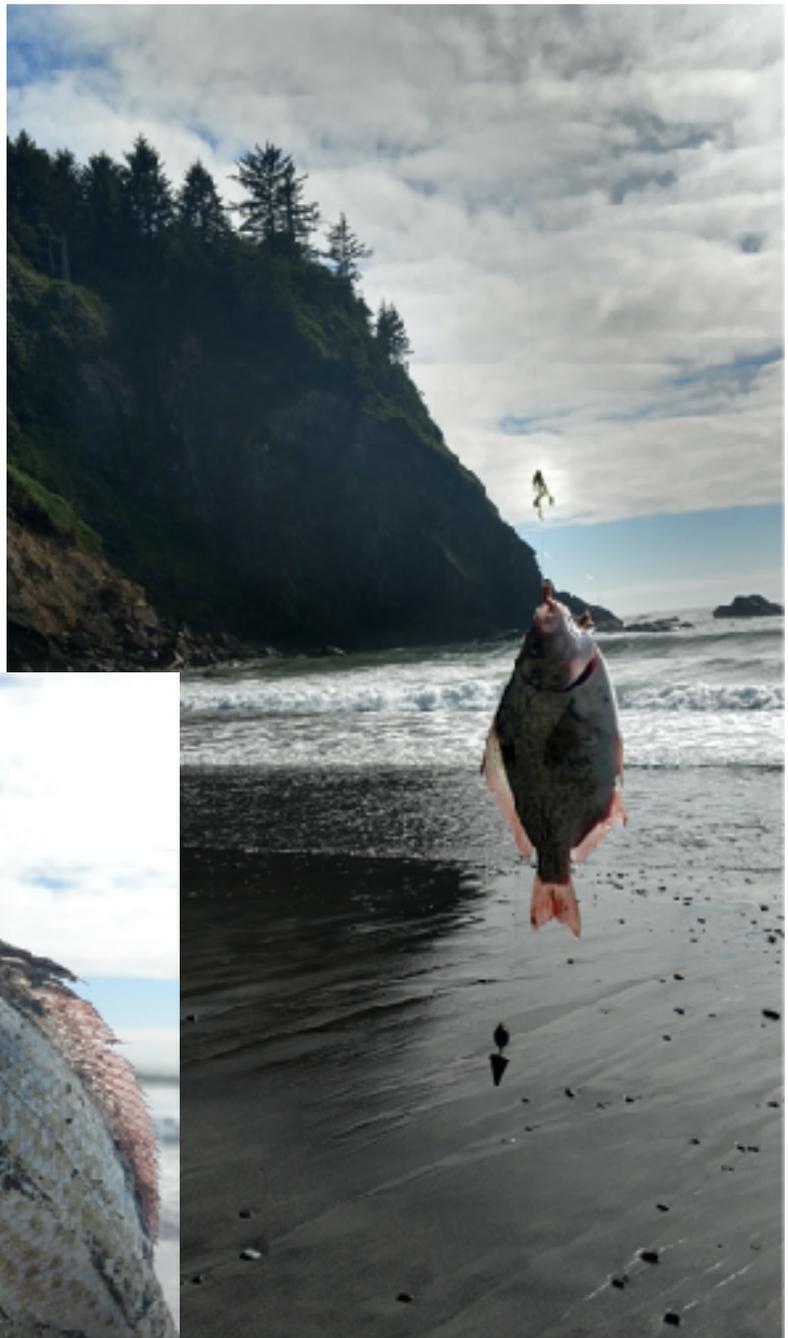
Big Surf Perch Water

By Grant Baugh

The rougher the water the larger the perch. I caught five averaging one pound each. North Washington coast, but anywhere along the west coast.

This is not fly fishing water because the surf rolls the line back faster than you can strip it back. I used spinning reel, 8# line, 2 oz weight to hold bait on rough surf, #2 hook baited with 2" Berkley Gulp sand worm.

Fillet them, roll in egg and Panko, pan fry, like Crappie and enjoy





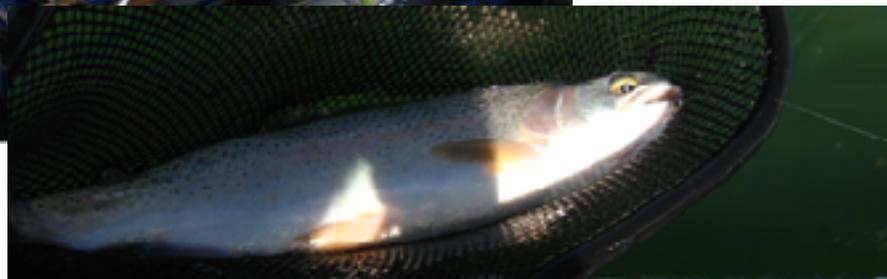
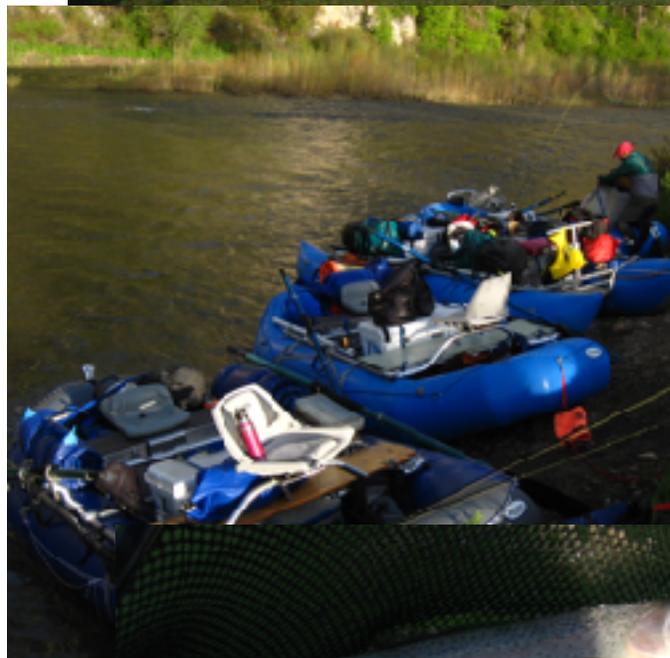
Smith River Montana

By Tom Dyer

As you recall this past winter was a dandy, lots of snow, cold and long. When I received a call from my son Ben asking if I would like to accompany he and several friends on a float trip on the Smith River I accepted without really knowing much about the river. No matter I had a couple months to read up on what to expect.

We would be floating the upper section from Camp Baker to Edan Bridge roughly 40 miles. The Smith is a permit only float trip with drawings done every February. According to Montana Parks this is the best section for those floaters wishing to fish. We caught fish in the 12 to 16 inch range with an occasional fish 20 plus. Hatches of stoneflies, caddis, and mayes fairly

prolific with large streamers being effective in many of the deeper runs. Our permit was for the first of May (three days on the river).





Fly Fishing for Kings!

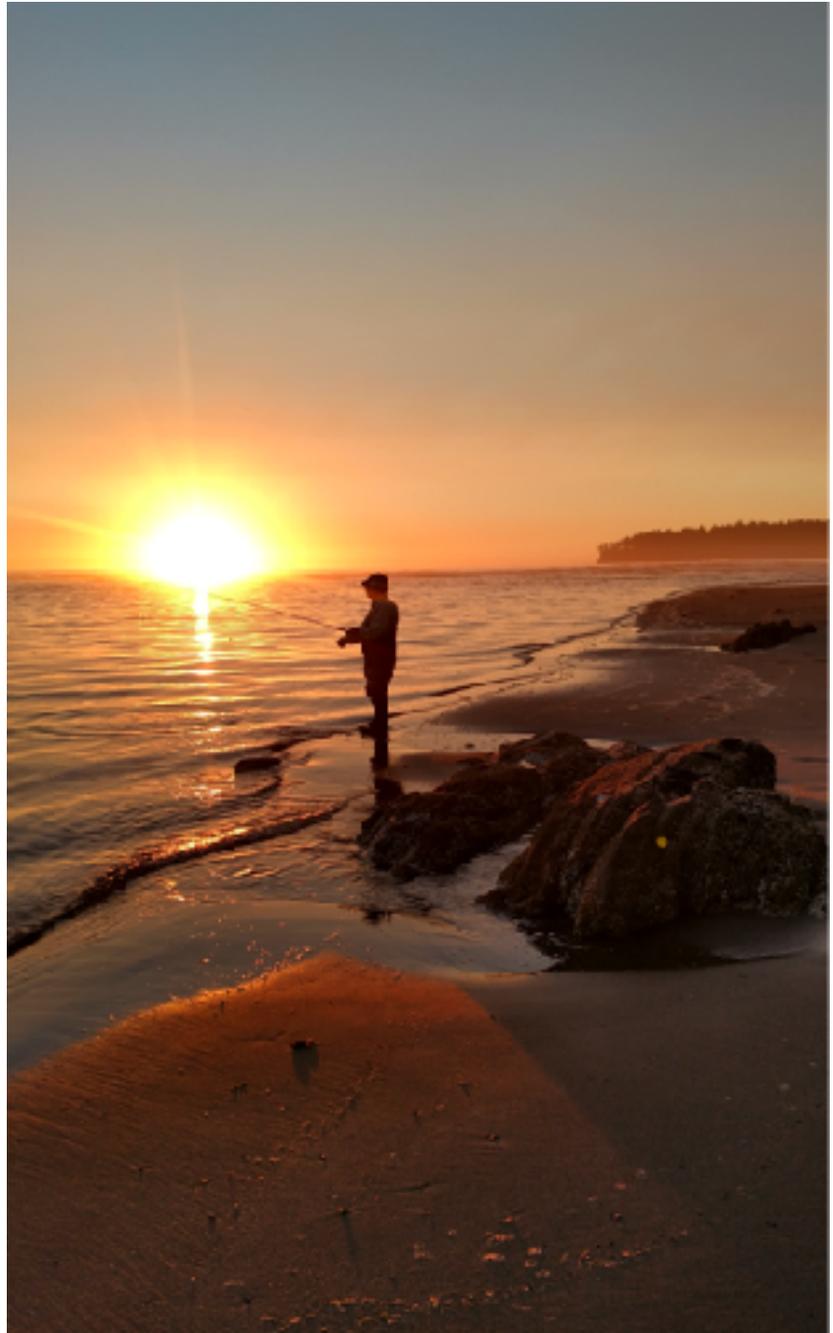
By *Grant Baugh*

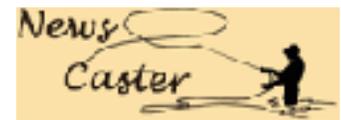
My brother-in-law Bruce at the mouth of the Soo Yess River on the Makah Reservation in NW Washington fishing for Kings. Smoke from BC fires coloring the photo.

We each have one fish in five days of hard fishing with spinners.

Other fishermen have told me that "you are wasting your time" to try to catch a King on a fly. They are "meat" fishers.....bad....

Despite the naysayers and low fish count I will continue to fish a fly, now that I have "meat" in the freezer.





Important IFF Tax Numbers

The club is a (501)3C charitable organization #C142076 so you can deduct contributions to the club (see your tax advisor for details). FYI our federal tax number is 71-0998737. Make a note of these numbers as they may be needed when you request donations from companies.

- Oct. 3 - IFF Board meets at Idaho Pizza 7 PM
- Oct. 10 - IFF Membership & Guests Meeting at Idaho Pizza. 7 PM.
- Oct. 14 - Fish Printing by Grant and Joan Baugh
- Oct. 17 - IFF Fly Tying at the Weiser Library 7 PM

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 IFF Board Meeting	4 8 AM Fly Fishing Breakfast at Homestead	5	6	7
8	9 Columbus Day	10 IFF Member Meeting	11 8 AM Fly Fishing Breakfast at Homestead	12	13	14 Fish Printing
15	16	17 IFF Fly Tying	18 8 AM Fly Fishing Breakfast at Homestead	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 8 AM Fly Fishing Breakfast at Homestead	26	27	28
29	30	31 Halloween				



Keep Cool

Contributed By Jim Gulu

Be patient and calm-
for no one can catch fish in anger.

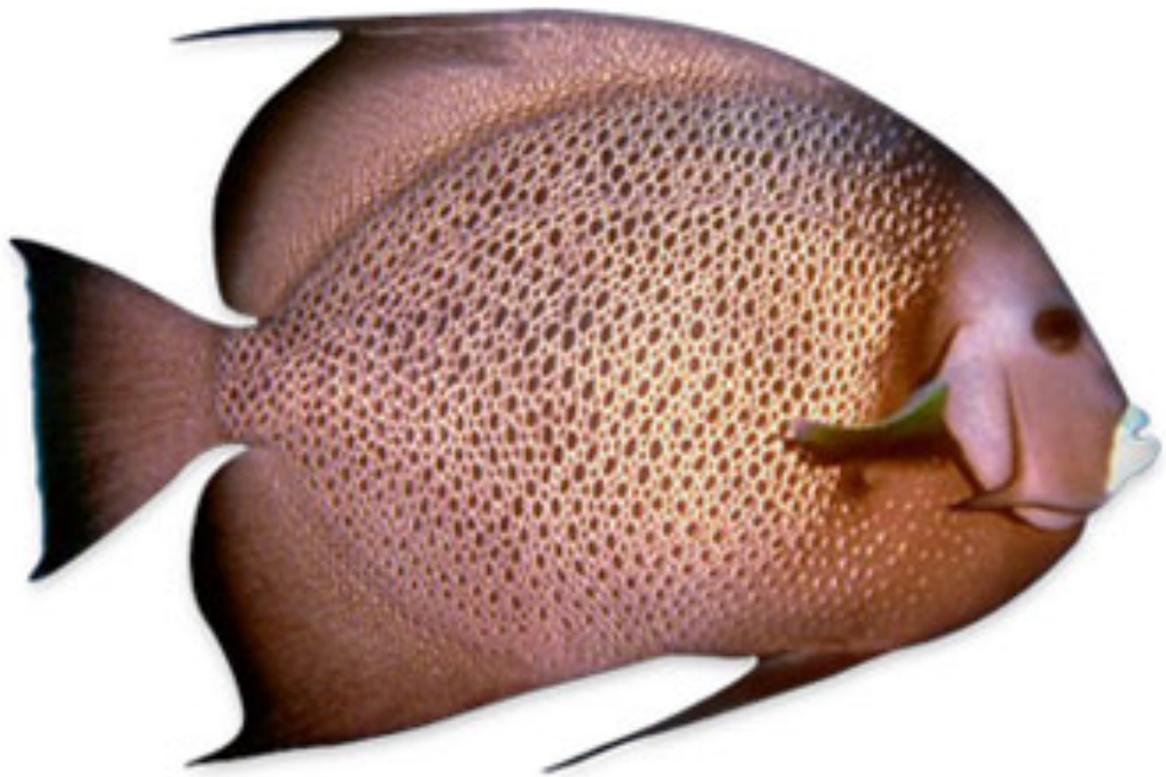
Herbert Hoover

Fishing News

By Mike Stanton

The bass fishing on the Weiser River has been great. The club outing on the Owhyee was successful as every one caught fish.

I leave tomorrow [Sept. 25th] to try to catch a searun cutthroat. I will be gone for a week.



What if Catching is Not So Good?

by Gerry

Try changing levels:

- Sunny Day, try fishing closer to the bottom
- In rivers fish often hold below current layers
- In lakes, fish hold below temperature breaks
- Work from top to bottom, not bottom to top



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Fly Fishing Thoughts & Ideas to Plant the Seeds for Action:

- Have an idea to make the club better? E-Mail it to grbogue@gmail.com